



National Public Lands Day

**El Yunque National Forest
September 29, 2012**

Campsite Improvement

19 scouts from Troop 626, lead by Mr. Elias I. Colón, transformed the area of Molindero Grande campsite into an improved camp area. Grass was mowed, drainages were opened, fire ring built, and entrance trail re-route away from a hazardous area.



Before

"Thanks a lot FS, for the opportunity you offered to the kids of troop 626 to work in this year NPLD at El Yunque. The experience we had was a very grateful and beneficial for our kids", said Mr. Colón.



After



Other Projects

Two other projects we also part of this year's NPLD at El Yunque National Forest.

Wilderness Trails Assessment

A group of 12 members of the BSA Order of the Arrow lead by Mr. Daniel Rendón initiated a Trails conditions assessment in El Toro Wilderness area. The purpose of this project was to hike and document the existing conditions of El Toro and Tradewinds trails. The final project will include a document report with photos and elevations describing trail maintenance needs: such as landslides, trees fell over trail, etc. This group will return this coming weekend to document a section that was not completed due to a major slide.



Big Tree Trail Trash Pick-up

4 members of Venture Crew 919, Lead by Mr. Tony Perez helped with the collection of trash found along Big Tree trail, 3 trash bags were collected.



In summary, we had a total of 36 participants all related with the Boys Scouts of America programs. Three different projects were completed as previously planned. The activity was accomplished without any accident and all scout troop leaders agreed on returning to complete unfinished tasks!

THANKS YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!